IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Kazuhiko OKAMATSU |) Group Art Unit: 4134 |
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| For: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER- READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM (as amended) |)) |

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2008, the period for response to which extending through March 12, 2009, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.